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SUBJECT: NON-ALIGNMENT "CLARIFIED" BY AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTER

1. SUMMARY. THE AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTER STATED IN A RECENT SPEECH THAT A POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT DOES NOT FAIL TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN FRIENDS AND ENEMIES, AND THAT AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF THIS DISTINCTION WILL BE HOW FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS "WELCOME" THE APRIL 27 REVOLUTION. THIS POSITION APPEARS TO REFLECT A MORE BI-POLAR OFFICIAL VIEW OF THE WORLD THAN HAS BEEN THE CASE HERETOFORE, AND HINTS CLEARLY WHO AFGHANISTAN REGARDS AS ITS "FRIENDS." END SUMMARY

2. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER HAFIZULLAH AMIN STATED IN A JUNE 22 SPEECH THAT "NON-ALIGNMENT DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE DO NOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN FRIENDS AND ENEMIES, BECAUSE IN THE WORLD ANY COUNTRY THAT WELCOMES OUR REVOLUTION WITH JOY AND WARMTH IS OUR REAL FRIEND, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT EXTENDS MATERIAL AND SPIRITUAL PROTECTION. BUT (AS
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FOR) IMPERIALIST CIRCLES THAT MISINTERPRET OUR GLORIOUS REVOLUTION, WE SHALL HAVE NO NEED FOR THEIR FRIENDSHIP."

3. COMMENT. IN THE TWO MONTHS SINCE THE APRIL 27 REVOLUTION, THE REGIME'S POSITION ON NON-ALIGNMENT HAS BEEN THAT, IN GENERAL, IT WILL DETERMINE ITS

FOREIGN BILATERAL RELATIONS BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE AND FRIENDSHIP EXTENDED BY OTHER COUNTRIES. AMIN'S REMARKS APPEAR TO EXTEND THIS DEFINITION OF NON-ALIGNMENT TO THE POINT THAT THE WORLD IS NOW DIVIDED INTO ONLY TWO CAMPS -- FRIENDS AND ENEMIES -- AND THAT FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS' ASSESSMENTS OF THE NATURE OF THE REVOLUTION IS NOW THE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT FOR DETERMINING INTO WHICH CAMP A PARTICULAR COUNTRY IS PLACED. GIVEN THE EVIDENCE AVAILABLE SO FAR, IT IS NOT DIFFICULT TO CONCLUDE THAT THE SOVIET UNION CONSTITUTES AFGHANISTAN'S GREATEST "FRIEND".

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